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Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 8-C302  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Rob:

It was good to see you a few weeks ago and hope Jennifer and the children are doing well.

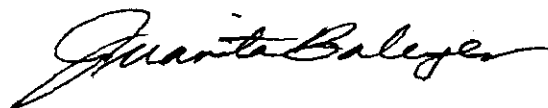
I thought you might be interested to know that I firmly oppose the merger of XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio, and hope that you will do everything you can to oppose it.

You have likely heard of the many problems that would be created if this merger were allowed to go through. One issue you may not be aware of is the impact on rural consumers. Satellite radio has been particularly popular in areas of our country that do not have many traditional radio stations. Until now, satellite radio has been an inexpensive way for them to receive some fresh programming.

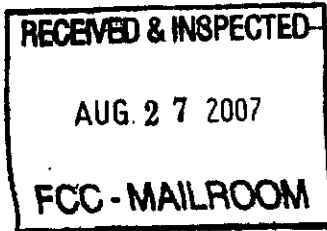
As you may be aware, neither XM nor Sirius has an endless space for new channels, complicating companies' promise to provide the "best of both services." Because XM or Sirius would have to cram more channels into this space, the quality of the signal would be degraded. Again, this would leave many rural Americans with bad reception - and that hardly seems fair, since most rural subscribers probably paid for satellite radio specifically for improved reception.

I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration when discussing this proposal. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,



Juanita Balenger



Federal Communication Commission  
Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Washington DC

RE: Sirius Merger

Chairman Martin:

The FCC is the only Government agency in American History that is causing more long term damage to US Corporations. In a massive stock market correction, what are you doing, sitting on a decision concerning the survival of two major US companies that are in trouble. There are one of two outcomes.....One that your reject the merger or two that you allow it. Unlike Greenspan, who possessed the intelligence to react to severe market conditions....you are sitting on your ass and allowing profound damage to both these companies... America is in a capital and equity crisis and what are you doing....sitting on a concrete timeline, like an irresponsible representative of the NAB.

To say that IQ's have drop in the capital of our country would be a gross understatement with the endless process that clearly is meant to cause as much economic turmoil to these two respective companies as possible. At no time in Americas past has a merger been a representation of what is in the best interest of a sector that is know in real trouble. What should be a no brainer, with these companies representing all of 3 percent of the radio market.....that right they are radio companies.....when it boils down to it! But the National Association of Broadcaster and their political pimps in congress have turned what should be a short review into the longest in merger history.! A monopoly, regardless of the technological construct should represent more that 50% of a market segment. The position that these companies enjoy is laughable. If the FCC refuses to provide an approval of this merger it will represent a clear representation of denial, not based upon the threat to terrestrial radio, but a clear political motive, deployed by players who are being threatened by the NAB....as a control mechanism. The fact that the NAB has used it's surrogate politicians so heavily, is a representation that this merger should be approved without delay. In addition, the failure of your office to approve this during a significant market correction is causing an increased damage to these companies. In addition the SEC should be advised that NAB short sellers are deploying individual into the market system to shortsell all activity, relating to these stocks.

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